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Westminster Debating Tournament.

The first inter-scholastic debating tournament to be held in the Middle West was held under the auspices of Westminster College at Fulton, March 18, 19, and 20. Twenty high schools had entered teams, though Wellsville was compelled to withdraw because of illness.

Fifty-two debaters, with their faculty advisers, were the guests of the Westminster students during the tournament. Teams from the following schools took part in the contests: Clinton, Columbia, Fayette, Harrisonville, Jackson, Jennings, Joplin, Kemper Military School, Keytesville, Leadwood, Macon, Moberly, Mokane, Pacific, Paris, Rockville, Thayer, University City, and Webster Groves.

The contests were conducted as an elimination tournament. In the first round, however, each school debated both sides of the question used (that of the federal regulation of child labor) and, winning upon either side, continued in the tournament. One defeat in any of the succeeding rounds sufficed to eliminate. In the thirtieth and last debate of the tourney Webster Groves defeated Jackson 4-1 and was declared the winner of the tourney.

The tournament was opened with a debate between Mokane and Pacific at Swope Chapel at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, March 18. From that time until Saturday evening one might hear a stirring argument upon stepping into either the Presbyterian or Methodist church, or Swope Chapel, any time after 8:00 o'clock in the morning.

A reception and buffet luncheon were tendered the visiting debaters at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house Thursday evening. At 8:30 that evening they were the guests of Westminster students at Pratt's Theater, where Gay MacLaren appeared in a dramatic recital of her play, "Father and Dad."

Friday the debaters were given a little free time in order that they might attend the regular college chapel exercises. The address of the morning was delivered by Prof. R. G. Peoples. Following this address, white sweaters were awarded the seven members of Westminster's State Championship basketball team by Prof. F. L. McCluer.

At noon a buffet luncheon was served at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house. After the debates of the afternoon it was found that thirteen teams had survived the first round and drawings were made for the second round to begin the next morning.

After the drawings, a banquet was tendered the visiting high school debaters and the debaters from the University of Wyoming by the Missouri Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, a national forensic fraternity. Professor McCluer acted as toastmaster, Dr. J. B. Reeves delivered the address of welcome, and Mr. A. J. Kissling, assistant to President Reed, spoke upon "The Secret of Westminster's Success in Debating." The high school faculty advisers responded in an enthusiastic manner when called upon for impromptu remarks.

After the banquet all returned to the chapel to hear the split team debate between representatives of Westminster College and the University of Wyoming. The split team debate was held at the request of the Wyoming men, and proved a very happy experiment. Alfred Pence, of Wyoming, and John Calvin Brown, of Westminster, defended the affirmative of the child labor proposition, and Raymond Kroggel, of Westminster, and Herbert Libert, of Wyoming, upheld the negative. Senator N. T. Cave acted as presiding officer.

Before the debate the audience was asked how they stood on the question, and 72 stated that they believed in the affirmative and 71 in the negative. After the debate 56 of the audience stated they believed in the affirmative and 67 in the negative. The vote, cast on the debaters' ability alone, resulted in 104 for the negative and 47 for the affirmative. Not all of the audience voted, as the chapel was filled.

The debate was excellent, all of the speakers showing unusual ability. The high spot probably was the speech of Raymond Kroggel, who is a veteran on the forensic platform. John Calvin Brown made his debut in inter-collegiate debating, but made an unusually good showing, especially on rebuttal. The Wyoming "cowboys" justified advance reports on their ability as debaters, both proving themselves adepts at the game.

Saturday morning and afternoon debates were held simultaneously at the chapel and the churches. Late in the afternoon Webster Groves and Jackson emerged from the semi-final round triumphant, Webster Groves defeating Fayette and Jackson winning over University City.

After the reception and buffet luncheon at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house, the final debate was held at Swope Chapel and prizes were awarded by the presiding officer, Hon. J. R.

Baker. The trophy cup passed into the possession of Webster Groves for a year, but is to be held permanently only after it has been won three times by the same school. A trophy shield was also awarded the winning team, and a loving cup was awarded as second prize to the Jackson team.

Twenty-three bronze medals were awarded to individual debaters from Clinton, Columbia, Fayette, Joplin, Kemper, Keytesville, Leadwood, Moberly, Mokane, Paris, and University City, who had won in at least one debate. Silver medals were awarded the members of the Jackson team, Rusby Seabaugh and Joe Wagner, and gold medals the members of the Webster Groves team, Harry Jones and Robertson Clagett.

A Westminster scholarship, valued at \$93.75, was awarded Robertson Clagett for attaining the highest average grade throughout the tournament. Mr. Clagett was pushed closely for this honor by Rusby Seabaugh, of Jackson, and S. L. Meyer, Jr., of Fayette.

The tournament was a great success. A high order of debating and the finest kind of sportsmanship prevailed throughout. All the visiting debaters expressed an enthusiastic desire to return next year when it was announced that the tournament would be held as an annual affair.

The following debaters were entered in the tournament:

Marshall Mitchell, John D. Davis, Clinton; Walter Dalton, Thomas Rodhouse, Columbia; S. L. Meyer, Jr., Earl Smith, David Mitchell, Fayette; Richard Brous, Foster Wiley, Harrisonville; Rusby Seabaugh, Joe Wagner, Jackson; Tom Alderson, Herbert Biemnick, William Bamber, Harry Pilgrim, Jennings; Basil Parkison, Alfred Lee, Joplin; C. J. Hitch, E. H. Jackson, W. W. Whiteside, C. A. Johnson, Kemper; Henry Lamkin, Wilfred Fiddler, Keytesville; Elmer Davis,

Floyd Smith, Paul Mills, William Mathews, Leadwood; William Reichel, William Towse, Macon; Richard Chamier, Arthur Gutekunst, Moberly; Thomas Burford, R. Lee Martin, Mokane; James McNamee, Bryant Bay, Pacific; Willard Reavis, Lewis Brown-ing, Paris; Neel Bright, Lester Nelson, Rockville; Owen Best, Norman Powell, Thayer; Herbert Hukriede, Howard Morgens, University City; Harry Jones, Robertson Clagett, Webster Groves; Arthur Dever, Paul Wells, Wm. Brandenburg, Lawrence Wheeling, Wellsville.

Marquess Memorial.

Gifts to pay for the memorial to Dr. Marquess, which is to be placed in the chapel, are continuing to come in. As you know, only one dollar was requested from each alumnus. We trust that if any have overlooked their contribution, they will send it at once. For, unless more is received, it is very doubtful whether it will be possible to secure the tablet for unveiling at the June commencement.

Radio Debate.

Westminster's debating team will broadcast over station KMOX at St. Louis on Wednesday evening, April 21, between the hours of 7 and 8. The subject will be some phase of Immigration. Our opponents will be selected later.

Dr. Reed Recovering.

We know that Dr. Reed's many friends will be glad to hear that he is well on the road to recovery. He has been very patient during a trying experience, for a major operation was necessary before a complete recovery could be assured. Dr. Reed stood the operation very well. It will be several weeks before he will be strong enough to leave the hospital and it will be some time before he can again take up the work in his office. How-

ever, we are indeed glad that the crisis is past and rejoice that he will again be with us. We pray for his complete restoration to health.

Glee Club Tour.

The annual spring concert tour of the Westminster Glee Club will extend from April 7 to 20. Following the Fulton concert on April 2 they will give the opening concert of the tour at Boonville on the seventh and follow with concerts at Marshall on the eighth; Higginsville, ninth; Kansas City, tenth and eleventh; Lees Summit twelfth; Pleasant Hill, thirteenth; Butler, fourteenth; Nevada, fifteenth; Clinton, sixteenth; Sedalia, seventeenth and eighteenth; California, nineteenth.

The club may broadcast from WOS at Jefferson City, but this is yet to be arranged. However, the club has arranged to broadcast a concert from Stephens College at Columbia on April 28.

The club is composed of twenty voices. It will be accompanied by an orchestra of eight pieces. The club is directed this year by Mrs. N. T. Cave, talented soloist of Fulton, and Prof. E. L. Cox, director of music of Stephens College at Columbia.

Cost of an Education.

At the last meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities figures were quoted showing the actual cost of educating a student in college. By cost was not meant the cost to the student, but rather the actual expense incurred by the institution in its training of the student. For instance, in Ohio in 1925, the actual cost of educating a single student was \$385 in the state school and \$386 in the privately endowed institution.

It is interesting to know that a college in a neighboring state whose



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tuition is \$225 a year, has a footnote in its catalog explaining that "the average amount paid per student for tuition is less than one-half of the actual cost per student."

Friends of Westminster College will do well to bear in mind that at Westminster the tuition is only \$125 per year, or, in other words, we get from the students themselves only about one-third of the actual cost of their education. When, further, you consider that approximately one-third of our students enjoy scholarships, you can realize why the college has need for endowment.

Many educators have come to the opinion that the student himself should be required to pay the entire cost of his education. But to do this would rob many a young man of the privileges of a Christian education. Many men who have received an education at Westminster have spent their lives in noble service for their fellow men.

At this time, when Dr. Reed is unable to be about to remind the friends of the college of our needs, we sincerely trust that the many friends of Westminster and of Dr. Reed will continue to remember the needs of the college. We are facing a deficit in our current expenses at the present time which we trust the friends of the college will enable us to remove.

Basketball Championship.

The 1926 basketball team finished the season with fifteen victories and but one defeat. Westminster's state championship team of 1926 was the best that has represented the Blue Jays since the successful days of De Bernardi. Three of our men were placed on the All-State team; Henry Iba, of Easton, playing his third year for the Blue Jays, was the outstanding star of the year. He was high point man of the conference, scoring 187 points. He was named captain

and center on the All-State team. Jack Conner, of Egbert, Wyoming, who scored 160 points, was also placed on the forward line of the All-State team. Lloyd Harris, of Jackson, our stellar guard for the past three years, was also a member of the All-State team.

At a recent chapel period lettered sweaters were given to Henry Iba, Jack Conner, Lloyd Harris, Richard Botsford, St. Joseph; Richard Mason, Paris; Charles Hubbard, Clarkton, and Howard Triggs, Rosendale.

Banquet at St. Louis.

The alumni secretary, Douglas Smiley, Leather Trades Building, St. Louis, is arranging a spring banquet for the St. Louis alumni. It is the plan to have as guests at the banquet the prospective new students in the vicinity of St. Louis. This will give the prospective new men an opportunity to meet a representative group of Westminster men.

It is the plan to have in addition to the alumni several of the professors and perhaps the quartet and orchestra present, thus the new men will be given a very good idea of the work of Westminster. It is desired to have at this banquet every prospect who is interested in Westminster. If you know of such young men, send their names to Douglas Smiley.

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